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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

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National Boating Safety Advisory Council

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: The National Boating Safety Advisory Council (NBSAC) and its subcommittees on boat occupant protection, prevention through people, and navigation lights will meet to discuss various issues relating to recreational boating safety. All meetings will be open to the public.

DATES: The meeting of NBSAC will be held on Monday and Tuesday, November 11 and 12, 1996, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Meetings of the Boat Occupant Protection and Prevention Through People Subcommittees will be held on Saturday, November 9, 1996, from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. A meeting of the Navigation Light Subcommittee will be held on Sunday, November 10, 1996, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Written material and requests to make oral presentations should reach the Coast Guard on or before October 23, 1996.

ADDRESSES: The meeting of NBSAC will be held at the Pittsburgh Hilton Hotel, Gateway Center, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The meetings of the Subcommittees will be held at the same address. Written material and requests to make oral presentations should be sent to Mr. Albert J. Marmo, Commandant (G-OPB-1), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Albert J. Marmo, Executive Director of NBSAC, telephone (202) 267-0950, fax (202) 267-4285.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of these meetings is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

Agendas of Meetings

National Boating Safety Advisory Council (NBSAC). The agenda includes the following:

- (1) Executive Director's report.
- (2) Chairman's session.
- (3) Boat Occupant Protection Subcommittee report.
- (4) Navigation Light Subcommittee report.
- (5) Prevention Through People Subcommittee report.
- (6) Coast Guard Auxiliary report.
- (7) National Association of State Boating Law Administrators report.
- (8) Development overview of new research tools to evaluate personal flotation devices.
- (9) Discussion of the development of the Life-Saving Index.
- (10) Discussion of waterways management issues developed by NBSAC and the Navigation Safety Advisory Council (NAVSAC).
- (11) Discussion of the penalty for alteration of marine safety equipment under Section 310 of the "Coast Guard Authorization Act of 1996."
- (12) Presentation on boating safety outreach.
- (13) Report on the Personal Watercraft Visibility Study.

Boat Occupant Protection Subcommittee. The agenda includes the following:

- (1) Review and discuss comments on propeller injury avoidance in response to an advance notice of proposed rulemaking.
- (2) Discuss boat occupant protection research, completed and planned.
- (3) Discuss risk avoidance alternatives.

Prevention Through People Subcommittee. The agenda includes the following:

- (1) Review Prevention Through People program status.
 - (2) Develop a Prevention Through People action plan.
- Navigation Light Subcommittee.* The agenda includes the following:

- (1) Review and discuss the interchange between NBSAC and NAVSAC concerning the proper display and installation of navigation lights and the resulting joint Council resolution.
- (2) Determine if there are any aspects of display and installation of navigation lights that need to be addressed through safety program intervention and recommend courses of corrective actions.

Procedural

All meetings are open to the public. At the Chairpersons' discretion, members of the public may make oral

presentations during the meetings. Persons wishing to make oral presentations at the meetings should notify the Executive Director no later than October 18, 1996. Written material for distribution at a meeting should reach the Coast Guard no later than October 23, 1996. If a person submitting material would like a copy distributed to each member of the committee or subcommittee in advance of a meeting, that person should submit 25 copies to the Executive Director no later than October 16, 1996.

Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meetings, contact the Executive Director as soon as possible.

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Omega Radionavigation System Termination

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard intends to terminate its involvement in the worldwide Omega Radionavigation System on September 30, 1997. This will include closure of the two stations located in the U.S. (Lamoure, ND and Haiku, HI) and termination of the existing bilateral agreements with the six partner nations (Argentina, Australia, France, Japan, Liberia, and Norway).

The Omega navigation system primarily serves aviation and weather users. The Department of Transportation recently completed its review of Omega navigation requirements and notified the U.S. Coast Guard that most users will complete their conversion to Global Positioning System technology by September 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Stewart Shoulta, Radio Aids Division (G-OPN-3), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second St., SW, Washington, DC 20593-0001, phone (202) 267-6052.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Omega navigation system was approved for full implementation in